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Bill and Susan McGuire
P.O. Box 344
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RE: Graham House, 40171 Main Street, Waterford, Loudoun County,
DHR File No. 401-0013_ep

Dear Bill and Susan:

Thank you for submitting a revised scope of work to the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) easement staff on July 14, 2011. Included with your submission was a description of the proposed change as well as current and historic photographs.

We have reviewed your request for a replacement wooden rail on the second story door. This rail will be a two-part rail between the door jambs and address clear safety concerns. In appearance, it will be of the same style and proportions as the existing rail on the south elevation of the building. After careful review, the proposed work is in keeping with the provisions of the easement and complies with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation* and is, therefore, approved.

This approval is valid for one year from the date of this letter. If you need to revise the scope of work or are unable to complete the work within one year, please contact me. Thank you for your stewardship of this property. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Application for Approval of Exterior changes

Property owners: Bill and Susan McGuire
Property address : 40171 Main Street
Waterford, VA 20197
Mailing address: PO Box 344
Waterford, VA 20197

Dear Megan:

We are in receipt of your letter of June 28, 2011, denying the use of an iron railing on our second story door on our residence in Waterford. With further thought on the issue, we are in agreement with your position that an iron railing is not consistent with the original fabric of the structure.

We would like to propose a wooden rail on the door with the same style and proportions as the second story door on the south (right side) elevation and the rear porch rail. This rail would not be part of a balcony, but simply be a 2-part rail between the jambs of the door to prevent falls, while still allowing the door to be opened for ventilation. This style is seen on the photos below.

We are enclosing a 1957 photo of the house from the Waterford Foundation archives showing the house with no balconies at all on the second story doors.

Please let us know your thoughts on these changes to the proposal.

Kindest regards,

Bill & Susan McGuire

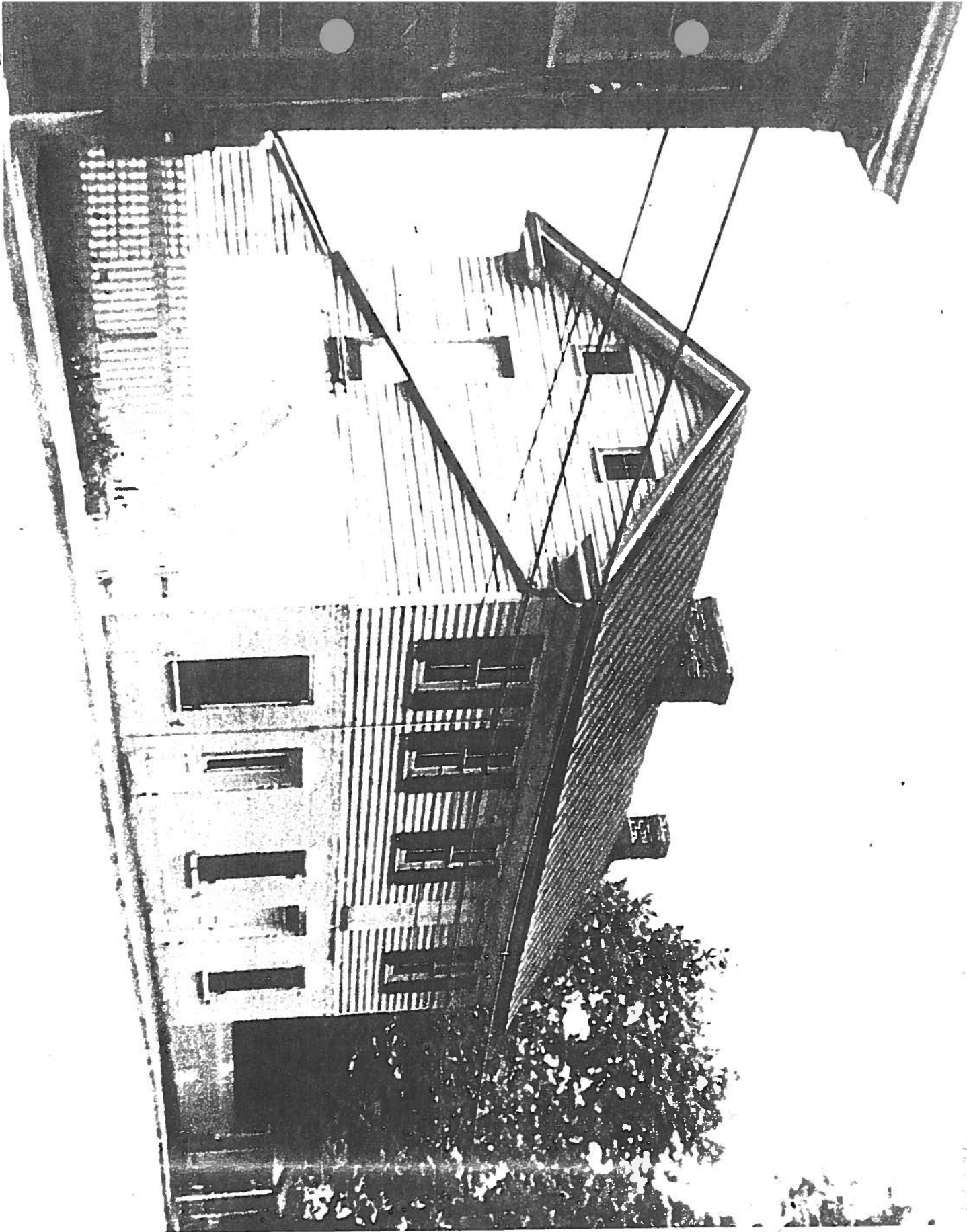
Photos:



Current photo of the front elevation showing the iron understructure of the removed balcony and the posts on the house where it was attached.



Small balcony on the side elevation of the house showing the general look of the old balcony on the front. The style was the same, but the front balcony was longer.



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